GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4213
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SEIZURE MADE BY CENTRAL EXCISE AND CUSTOMS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of the narcotic drugs and gold seized by the Central Excise and Customs Department in the country during the last three years till date and the estimated value thereof:

(b) the number of the persons arrested in this regard and whether the Government have taken any effective steps to check it; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (REVENUE) IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN)

(a), (b) & (c): The quantum of the narcotic drugs and gold seized by Central Excise and Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in the country during the last three years and current year (upto November, 2001), the estimated value thereof and the number of persons arrested in connection thereto as per the available reports are given in the enclosed Annexure.

All the field formations under Central Excise and Customs Department including Directorate of Revenue Intelligence are vigilant and alert to check smuggling of contraband goods including narcotic drugs & gold.

ANNEXURE

DETAILS OF GOLD AND NARCOTIC DRUGS SEIZED BY CUSTOMS AND CENTRAL EXCISE DEPARTMENT INCL DIRECTORATE OF REVENUE INTELLIGENCE DURING LAST THREE YEARS AND CURRENT YEAR (UPTO NOVEMBE AND PERSONS ARRESTED IN CONNECTION THERETO.

Item 1998-1999

	Quantity seized (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in crores)	No. of Persons arrested
NARCOTIC DRUGS			
Heroin	275	39.04	49
Ganja	24128	15.51	75
Mandrex	1037	2.20	7
Hashish	2499	3.48	23
GOLD	595.8	26.07	106

1999-2000

	Quantity seized (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in crores)	No. of Persons arrested
NARCOTIC DRUGS			
Heroin	129	4.44	45
Ganja	19918	8.24	44
Mandrex	162	0.32	4
Hashish	2708	0.66	17
GOLD	951.6	41.60	133

2000-2001

	Quantity seized (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in crores)	No. of Persons arrested
NARCOTIC DRUGS			
Heroin	198	6.44	43
Ganja	19503	4.80	61
Mandrex	1263	2.53	8
Hashish	2303	6.90	19
GOLD	539	24.28	82

2001-2002 (UPTO NOV., 2001)

	Quantity seized (in kgs.)	Value (Rs. in crores)	No. of Persons arrested
NARCOTIC DRUGS			
Heroin	188	6.11	37
Ganja	20088	4.17	36
Mandrex	482	0.96	0
Hashish	3487	10.46	6
GOLD	430	19.27	43